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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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RISE IN PRICE OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of wheat in the open market has been rising since May this year despite the arrival of new crop in mandis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the extent of rise; and

(c) the steps taken to stabilize the prices of wheat and other foodgrains in open market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): The retail prices of wheat since May this year at the major centres have shown a mixed trend ranging from (-) 50 paise per kg to (+) Rs.1.50 per kg. The reasons for increase in the prices at some centres could be attributed to decline in wheat production in the last few years due to reduction in area under cultivation, unfavourable weather conditions and increased cost of inputs and transportation.

(c) : Steps taken for stabilising prices are strict monitoring of prices on a daily basis; adequate issue of wheat under the TPDS and other welfare schemes; release of wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme and ensuring adequate stock of wheat in all the regions of the country.